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RESEARCH CONTRACTS BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of External Affairs award research contracts to the Consultants, the NGOs, and Academic and Research Organizations;

(b) if so, the detailed list of the research contracts along with the names of the organizations which were awarded the research contracts during the last three years and the progress made therein;

(c) whether the research contracts are displayed on the website of the Ministry;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason thereof ;

(e) the process involved in deciding the topics of these research contracts; and

(f) the criteria adopted and process followed for awarding research contracts?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The Ministry provides partial/full financial assistance to Research Scholars and Research Organisations for carrying out research projects on topics related to international relations.

(b) The detailed list of Scholars and Research Organisations who have been provided financial assistance during the last three years and the current status of their projects are enclosed.

(c) The lists of research projects are published in the Annual Reports of the Ministry which are available on the website www.meaindia.nic.in.

(d) The details of the research projects awarded during the last three financial years are given in the enclosed list.

(e)&(f) The proposals for financial assistance along with the topics are received from Research Scholars/ Research Organisations. The topics are then evaluated for their usefulness to the Ministry. If found suitable, the requisite administrative and financial approvals are obtained for releasing the assistance. The Ministry may also ask research scholars/research organisations to conduct research on certain topics by providing requisite financial assistance.